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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REPRESENTATION AT MTN

1. HEAD OF MEXICAN MTN DEL ABEL GARRIDO RUIZ INFORMED ME THAT AT REQUEST OF TREASURY SECRETARY LOPEZ PORTILLO HE WILL REMAIN IN MEXICO CITY AND NOT TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN GENEVA. GARRIDO PLANS CONTINUE VISIT GENEVA FROM TIME TO TIME, E.G. FOR TNC DECEMBER 9.

2. GARRIDO SIAD LDC DELEGATIONS ARE FRUSTRATED AT SLOW PACE OF MTN, AND WOULD PROBABLY SO INDICATE AT DEC 9 TNC. HE THOUGHT MOST LDC'S KNEW EC PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE.

3. I REVIEWED OUR NEED FOR RECIPROCITY IN EXCHANGE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A SUBSTANTIAL TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER PACKAGE. GARRIDO'S

INITIAL RESPONSE WAS ALONG FAMILIAR LINES BUT, WHEN
PRESSED, I FOUND HIM RECEPTIVE TO AND EVEN EAGER FOR BILATERAL
DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, HE COULD RESOLVE
QUESTION OF MEXICAN IMPORTS OF U.S. QUARTER HORSES
"WITHIN A WEEK" IF SPECIFIC QUID PRO WAS FORTH-
COMING ON U.S. SIDE. I NOTED AGREED PROCEDURE IN
TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP FOR BILATERALS PRIOR TO
TABLING OF POSSIBLE OFFERS IN MARCH COULD BE USED
TO TRY TO PINPOINT SPECIFIC CONCESSIONS BOTH U.S. AND
GOM MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER. GARRIDO AGREED IN GENERAL
BUT CAUTIONED GOM STILL WANTS TO ASSESS OVERALL
GAINS FROM MTN BEFORE REVEALING SCOPE OF GOM
CONCESSIONS AND HE NOTED TROPICAL PRODUCTS IS FURTHER
ADVANCED THAN OTHER MTN WORK.

4. WHILE IN GENEVA GARRIDO HAS BEEN ATTENDING QR
SUBGROUP MEETING AND MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO
HOLD PRELIMINARY QR CONSULTATIONS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3.
HE STATED THAT HE HAD LITTLE INTEREST IN DISCUSSING FULL
MEXICAN IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM, BUT WOULD BE WILLING
TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC REQUESTS ON PARTICULAR ITEMS OF IN-
TEREST TO THE UNITED STATES. I RESPONDED THAT WE
ARE NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC PRODUCTS,
AND ARE CONCERNED WITH MEXICAN DISCRETIONARY LICENSING
SYSTEM PER SE. GARRIDO AGREED TO GENERAL DISCUSSION
OF SYSTEM AT THIS STAGE, BUT DID NOT BELIEVE MUCH
WOULD COME FROM THIS TYPE OF EXCHANGE. HE ALSO
INDICATED THAT NEXT WEEK MEXICO WOULD NOTIFY U.S.
QRS OF INTEREST TO THEM. WALKER

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